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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY - RABBI HECHT'S VISIT

REF: DAMASCUS 2384; 2324

1. RELAYED INFORMATION IN REFTELS TO RABBI HECHT, WHO AGREED TO FOLLOW EMBASSY'S AND TOUTAH'S ADVICE. PARTY WILL CARRY SMALL QUANTITIES OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES IN THEIR REGULAR BAGGAGE AND RABBI HECHT WILL BE SHIPPING REMAINDER TO HAMRA. HE ALSO WILL BE MAILING THE AIRWAY BILLS TO HAMRA, SO THAT THE PROCESS OF CLEARANCE COULD BEGIN BEFORE THE PARTY ARRIVES. DO YOU SEE ANY PROBLEM IN MAILING THE AIRWAY BILL? HECHT WILL KEEP COPIES, OF COURSE.

2. THE PARTY VERY MUCH HOPES THAT DISTRIBUTION OF THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CAN OCCUR WHILE THE PARTY IS IN SYRIA.
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HE CONFESSED SOME MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY ARE STILL HIGHLY APPREHENSIVE OVER VISIT.

3. PARTY WILL BE TRAVELING ON GROUP VISA IN NAME OF DOCTOR RPT DOCTOR HECHT, AT ADVICE OF SYRIAN EMBASSY HERE.

4. IN DAMASCUS PARTY WILL BE STAYING AT HOTEL INTERNATIONAL;

IN ALEPPO AT HOTEL LEBARON. TRAVEL AGENT IS JOSEPH SOKOLOW
OF CERTIFIED TRAVEL, BROOKLYN. HE DEALS IN SYRIA WITH
GEORGE SAYEGH, SAYEGH TRAVEL AND TOURISM, FIDOS ST., DAMAS-
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